

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-3 (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) A webbing retractor which includes a spool on which a webbing for restraining a vehicle occupant is retracted so as to be taken up and pulled out, a motor, and a clutch which is mechanically interposed between the motor and the spool for transmitting rotation of the motor to the spool so as to rotate the spool in the direction in which the webbing is taken up and disconnecting the transmission of the rotation generated at the spool so as to inhibit the rotation to be transmitted to the rotor, wherein

the clutch comprises:

a case;

a rotating body provided coaxially with the spool, the rotating body rotating relative to said case when rotation of the motor is transmitted thereto;

a slider which is held on the case through frictional force and thus can move relatively to the rotating body in a predetermined distance; and

a lock bar connected to the rotating body, which lock bar is normally continuously urged by direct contact with a spring that moves about an axis in a direction in which it engages the spool and is normally held in a disengaged position with the spool by contact with surfaces of the slider, but the axis of which remains fixed relative to the rotating body when the rotating body is rotated in the direction in which the webbing is taken up as the slider remains stationary, such that the lock bar moving moves apart from the surfaces of the slider and is so as to be released from the held state and the direct contact spring immediately moves the lock bar into resilient engagement with the spool, engaging the spool by the urging force, transmitting the rotation of the rotating body in the direction in which the webbing is taken up to the spool in response to an input from the motor, the lock bar permitting relative rotation between the spool and the rotating body in the direction in which the webbing is taken up, when the rotating body is rotated in a direction in which the webbing is pulled out, the lock bar moving toward the slider and is moved contacting the surfaces of the slider and moving to the disengaged position and being held there by the slider, and

the rotating body is supported by the case.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) A webbing retractor of claim 4, wherein

the rotating body comprises:

a gear wheel which rotates when rotation of the motor is transmitted thereto;

a rotor which supports the lock bar; and

a spring pawl which is interposed between the gear wheel and the rotor to connect them, the spring pawl transmitting rotation of the gear wheel to the rotor, when load above predetermined value is applied the rotor, the spring pawl disconnecting the transmission of the rotation between the gear wheel and the rotor by the load and making the gear wheel and the rotor run idle with respect to each other, and

the motor is supported by the case.

8. (Previously Presented) A webbing retractor of claim 7, wherein the spring pawl is formed in a ring shape, and equipped with a cover portion.

9. (New) A webbing retractor of claim 4, wherein the slider has a pair of opposing surfaces which contact opposing surfaces of the lock bar to hold said lock bar in said disengaged position with the spool.